

CYRUS E. SALADA.

APRIL 25, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DEEMER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 3359.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3359) granting an increase of pension to Cyrus E. Salada, submit the following report:

This bill proposes to increase the pension of the soldier named therein from \$12 to \$30 per month.

Records of the War Department show that this soldier, now 69 years of age, served as private in Company B, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Infantry, from May 30, 1861, to June 11, 1864, when honorably discharged, and that he again served as sergeant in Company H, Two hundred and tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, from September 13, 1864, to June 2, 1865, when honorably discharged.

He is now pensioned under the general law at \$12 per month for gunshot wound of the neck and left shoulder and chronic diarrhea and resulting piles.

Claims for increase of pension, in which the soldier alleged paralysis and nervous debility as results of the pensioned causes, were rejected, the last one on September 14, 1903, upon the ground that such paralysis could not be accepted as a result of the pensioned causes.

A medical examination of the soldier on August 20, 1902, rated him \$10 for the gunshot wound of the shoulder, \$12 for paralysis of the left side and nervous debility, \$4 for disease of rectum, and \$10 for a hernia, and the board of surgeons then stated that he required assistance to dress and undress.

The statement of Mr. Olmsted, filed with your committee, sets forth that the beneficiary suffers from paralysis of the left arm, piles, and diarrhea; that applications for increase have been repeatedly rejected at the Pension Bureau because they refused to connect said disabilities with the wound of neck and shoulder; that he is in bad shape both physically and financially; that formerly his wife helped

to make a living by peddling medicines, but that her health now is such that she is unable to do anything in the way of earning a support.

The soldier rendered four years of honorable service, is destitute, and now in such a condition that he requires the aid and attendance of another person.

Following precedents in like cases, an increase of his pension to the rate sought in the bill is warranted, and the passage of the bill is therefore recommended when amended as follows:

In line 6 strike out the words "Company B, Sixth Regiment."

In line 7 strike out the words "Pennsylvania Reserves and."

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